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## INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

Applicant's or agent's file reference 11785-3PCT	FOR FURTHER ACTION      See Notification of Transmittal of International Preliminary Examination Report (Form PCT/IPEA/416)	
International application No. PCT/US99/20207	International filing date (day/month/year) 02 SEPTEMBER 1999	Priority date (day/month/year) 03 SEPTEMBER 1998
International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC Please See Supplemental Sheet.		
Applicant LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY		

1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.

2. This REPORT consists of a total of 4 sheets.

This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority. (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

These annexes consist of a total of 0 sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

I  Basis of the report

II  Priority

III  Non-establishment of report with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability

IV  Lack of unity of invention

V  Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

VI  Certain documents cited

VII  Certain defects in the international application

VIII  Certain observations on the international application

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## I. Basis of the report

## 1. With regard to the elements of the international application:\*

 the international application as originally filed the description:

pages 1-8, as originally filed

pages NONE

pages NONE, filed with the demand

 the claims:

pages 9-12

pages NONE, as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19

pages NONE

pages NONE, filed with the demand

 the drawings:

pages NONE

pages NONE, as originally filed

pages NONE

pages NONE, filed with the demand

 the sequence listing part of the description:

pages 1-13, as originally filed

pages NONE

pages NONE, filed with the demand

, filed with the letter of \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. With regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language \_\_\_\_\_ which is:

 the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)). the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)). the language of the translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3).

## 3. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

 contained in the international application in printed form. filed together with the international application in computer readable form. furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form. furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form. The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished. The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.4.  The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of: the description, pages NONE the claims, Nos. NONE the drawings, sheets/fig NONE5.  This report has been drawn as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).\*\*

\* Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17).

\*\*Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.

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**V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement****1. statement**

Novelty (N)	Claims 1-32	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO

Inventive Step (IS)	Claims 1-32	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO

Industrial Applicability (IA)	Claims 1-32	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO

**2. citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)**

Claims 1-32 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(2)-(4), because the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest a method for determining whether a first protein interacts with a second protein within a living cell, the method comprising: (a) providing the first protein complexed to a donor luciferase and the second protein complexed to an acceptor fluorophore within the cell; (b) placing the complexed first protein and the complexed second protein in proximity to each other within the cell; and (c) detecting any fluorescence from the acceptor fluorophore where the donor luciferase is capable of luminescence resonance energy transfer to the acceptor fluorophore when the first protein is in proximity to the second protein; and where fluorescence of the acceptor fluorophore resulting from luminescence resonance energy transfer from the donor luciferase indicates that the first protein has interacted with the second protein.

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----- NEW CITATIONS -----

NONE

**Supplemental Box**

(To be used when the space in any of the preceding boxes is not sufficient)

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**CLASSIFICATION:**

The International Patent Classification (IPC) and/or the National classification are as listed below:

IPC(7): C12Q 1/66, 1/00; C12P 21/06; C07H 21/04; G01N 33/53, 33/567, 33/573, 33/58, 33/60, 33/531, 33/533, 21/00, 21/76, 21/75, 31/00 and US Cl.: 435/4, 7.1, 7.2, 7.21, 7.4, 7.91, 8, 68.1, 69.1, 70.1, 70.3, 127, 231, 232, 326, 331, 366, 375, 968, 972; 436/543, 546, 164, 172, 800, 805, 905; 536/23.5; 424/9.6